
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
End of Year Session
December 27, 2007

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met on December 27, 2007, at 9AM in the North Annex Meeting Room for end of the year business.

Members present:

N. Sherrell Marginet, Pres. Don Whitehead, VP
Bob Townsend Attorney Jerry Stilwell

Members absent:

The meeting was brought to order with all present standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Claims: The following claims were submitted for approval: Payroll, \$292,080.81. This claim was approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting of December 4, 2007, were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

2008 Appointments: This list will follow the minutes*. All appointments were approved on an individual basis with motions by Townsend or Whitehead seconded accordingly and passed with 3-0 votes.

Highway bids: The recommendations of the Highway Superintendent were as follows: Alternate culvert & bridge material; awarded to Culvert Plus, Inc: Bituminous cold mix; No bids: Bituminous Hot Mix; awarded to, Gohmann Asphalt and JH Rudolph: Bituminous Materials; awarded to, Asphalt Material, Inc.: Gas & Diesel fuel-off road; awarded to Superior Ag Resources CO-OP, Inc.: Gas & Diesel fuel-on road; awarded to, Superior Ag Resources CO-OP, Inc.: Sand & Gravel; awarded to, Mulser's Crushed Stone, Inc., Rogers Group, Inc., and K&K, based on availability of supply: Sewer; awarded to Culvert Plus, Inc.: Stone; awarded to: Mulzer's Crushed Stone, Inc., Rogers Group, Inc., K&K, based on availability. The bids were approved as recommended with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Insurance Change: A motion was read by Marginet as follows: Motion to accept a reduction in the insurance premium from \$252.00 to \$215.00, with the understanding the savings will go to all employees, that didn't receive a raise for 2008, at no additional cost to the county. This will be a one time lump sum bonus. The motion was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Black Beauty Coal: Black Beauty Coal Company asked for a temporary closure of CR 900. Marginet spoke of the public hearing that was held in 2007 and that it had been discussed at two previous Commissioners meetings. At this time he asked if there was anyone that would like to comment on the subject. None were offered at this time. Whitehead made a motion to allow the temporary closing of CR 900. Townsend said that it was a difficult subject and he had spoken to a number of people that live in the area of the closure and their concerns. Someone from the public asked about stating their concerns. Marginet said that they had been asked before if anyone wanted to make any comments and no one spoke up. Said person said he guessed they had been a little slow on answering. Marginet said he had been through this type of thing most of his life and there are two sides to the situation. Each side would be affected financially. There are always problems when there is mining of any sort. He stated that the big question was to close the road or not to and how it will affect those living and working within the area. Townsend pointed out that before he became a Commissioner he often had a problem that is seemed like the county officials didn't seem to want to listen to those with concerns. He has been speaking to those that will be affected by the closure. He noted that he felt that these people should know what is best for their area and would be voting on the side of the people living within the area. Whitehead said he understood the concerns and that this closure would be in the best interest of all concerned. He feels that after this closure then the previously closed road would start coming back to the county in better shape then before and to view this as the beginning of the end of the road problems in Barton Township. Mr. Stilwell reminded the Commissioners that there was a motion on the floor that needed to have a second. Marginet seconded the motion and asked for those in favor and received a vote of 2-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

N. Sherrell Marginet, Pres.

Don Whitehead, VP

Bob Townsend

Attested: _____
Mary B. Key

*List of 2008 Appointments: